

**EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
MARCH 30, 1999**

PRESENT: Fred Birts, Stephen Donohue (unconfirmed), Thomas Evans, Herbert Garn, Roger Hall, Robert Karnauskas, Wayne Lindgren, Patrick McGuire, David Mickelson (via telephone until 9:20 a.m.), and E. Jerry Tyler

ABSENT: Joan Underwood

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall and Judy Mender; Darwin Tichenor and Wayne Austin were present for portions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Alfred Hall, Bureau Director. A quorum of 10 members was present. After 9:20 a.m. David Mickelson was no longer available. However, a quorum of 9 members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Thomas Evans moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3/15/99)

The meeting dates for the Hydologist and Soil Scientists were incorrectly listed in the minutes. The minutes need to be amended to reflect the dates for the Hydologists Section as April 20; May 11; and June 2; and the date for the Soil Scientist Section as April 23.

MOTION: Thomas Evans moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Marlene Cummings' Report

Nothing to report.

Alfred Hall's Report

Board Member Binders

Mr. Hall reported the binders would be distributed at a later date.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Board Members are reminded to bring their copies of Chapter 470 at each meeting for reference purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Scope Statement:

A copy of the Scope Statement relating to permanent rules specifying the general requirements and procedures applying to all sections was provided in the March 15, 1999 Board packet.

Promulgation of Emergency Rules

Each Section reviewed the Draft of March 16, 1999 for revisions. The Hydologists Section and the Soil Scientists Section recommended modifications to their emergency rules. Wayne Austin will draft the language to reflect this.

The Professional Geologists Section did not revise their emergency rules.

MOTION: Thomas Evans moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to accept the Professional Geologist Section's Emergency Rules. Motion carried.

The Hydrologists Section made the following changes to their emergency rules:

- GHSS 3.03(2) "Areas of experience in the practice of professional hydrology include but not limited to:"
- GHSS 3.04(3)(a) "Contaminant surface and subsurface water hydrology"
- GHSS 3.04(4) "In addition to the coursework required under sub (3), other hydrology or water resource related coursework that may be used to satisfy the 30 semester hour or 45 quarter hour requirement include, but are not limited to courses in the following area:"

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to accept the Professional Hydologists Section's Emergency Rules with modifications. Motion carried.

The Soil Scientists Section made the following changes to their emergency rules:

- GHSS 4.03(2)(d) “Soil mineralogy: The study of soil science that deals with porous media inorganic materials, including the soils of the earth’s crust to the depth of weathering or of sedimentation.”
- GHSS 4.05(2)(b) “Have completed at least 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of course credits for the degree in soil science meeting the requirements of GHSS 4.04.

MOTION: E. Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Patrick McGuire, to accept the Professional Soil Scientists Section’s Emergency Rules with modifications. Motion carried.

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to accept the emergency rules with amendments. Motion carried.

MOTION: Thomas Evans moved, seconded by E. Jerry Tyler, to accept Chapter GHSS 5, Unprofessional Conduct, as revised. Motion carried.

Motion: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to forward the emergency rules to the Legislative Reference Bureau. Motion carried.

Administrative Rules Comments: Because of the short period of time from the last meeting until this meeting, comments from universities/colleges and other professional organizations will be sought at a later date.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS AND UPDATE

Alfred Hall explained the application review process. The Board will be setting the standards for the staff to use in the future to review applications. The Board will review applications that do not meet those standards.

EXAMINATIONS

Darwin Tichenor informed the Board of the progress the Office of Examinations has made with the Hydrologist’s examination. The Examination Committee has reviewed the exam content and feels that too many questions (70%) are related to water quality. The Office of Examinations is working on a solution to write more questions relating to the fundamentals of the profession. Mr. Tichenor also informed the Board there is a need for more question writers. A writer’s workshop has been scheduled for April 9, 1999. However, Mr. Tichenor said he is willing to work individually with any one interested. Two question review meetings have been scheduled for May 7, 1999 and May 21, 1999.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

Election of Officers for the Joint Board

Chairperson: Joan Underwood

Vice-Chairperson: Stephen Donohue (unconfirmed)

Secretary: Patrick McGuire

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The following meeting dates were established:

- Joint Board Meeting: May 11; May 26; July 14, and August 25.
- Geologists Section: April 7 (screening), May 5 (screening), June 2 (screening), July 7 (screening), August 4 (screening), September 22, October 6 (screening), November 3 (screening), and December 1 (screening)
- Hydrologists Section: April 13, April 20, May 11, and June 2
- Soil Scientists Section: April 23, April 30, May 11, and May 21

The Board has scheduled a public hearing for May 26, 1999, so the public has an opportunity to make comments on the proposed rules. The Board will review the public hearing comments on July 14, 1999, with the intention of preparing the rules for final submission to the legislative standing committees. The committees have 30 days to review the rules. If they do not object to the rules, the Board will be able to proceed to final adoption of the rules.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION: E. Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Thomas Evans, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.